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TENNESSEE BULLETIN NO. 440-05-1

SUBJECT: PGM - IMPLEMENTATION OF 2002 FARM BILL PROGRAMS

Purpose. To establish Farm Bill implementation teams in Tennessee.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2005.

With the passage of the 2002 Farm Bill, the workload and complexity of implementing authorized programs continues to be a challenge for state office and field personnel. NRCS in Tennessee has evaluated and decided that the formation of teams specific to the various Farm Bill programs will result in more efficient and effective delivery of these programs.

Effective immediately, teams as listed below will assist with the day-to-day operations of specific Farm Bill programs. Field staffs may contact team leaders with questions or concerns relative to Farm Bill programs. Teams will meet periodically to assess program implementation issues and offer suggestions for improvement in program delivery.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

AnnSue Wattenbarger, Team Leader Ray Holyfield Craig Ellis Harold Jones Phil Cherry

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)

Carol Chandler, Team Leader Robin Mayberry Chris Wolkonowski Mike Hansbrough

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Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

Larry Hasty, Team Leader Mike Zeman Herb Paugh

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

Mike Zeman, Team Leader Greg Brann Phil Cherry

Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)

Larry Hasty, Team Leader Allen Persinger

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Mike Zeman, Team Leader AnnSue Wattenbarger Mike Hansbrough

Conservation Security Program (CSP)

Herb Paugh, Team Leader Michelle Beasley Jenny Adkins Phil Cherry Greg Brann

Evaluation of this "team approach" will be completed within the next 12-15 months to refine as may be necessary. Contact Vic Simpson or Donald Dotson for additional information or suggestions.

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